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CORRESPONDING METHOD OF PRODUCTION

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,  
Applicants hereby call the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

The following two documents were cited in the first Examination Report from the  
German Patent Office in connection with German Patent Application No. 100 34 003.2-33,  
a counterpart of the above captioned application:

U.S. Patent No. 6,034,390 to Tews, issued on March 7, 2000, and

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-58777 A to Shoko et al., issued on February 25,  
2000, along with an English language abstract thereof..

Copies of the above listed documents and the Examination Report from the German  
Patent Office are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance

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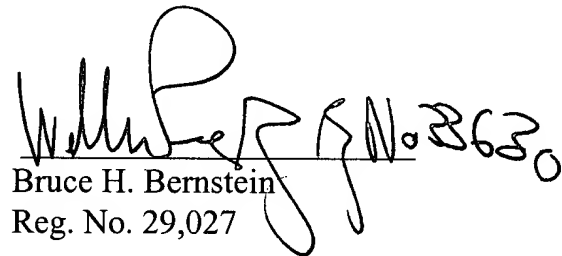
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with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(I). Each of the above-mentioned documents is also listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each listed document and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing and signing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the signed and initialed form with the next communication.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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